COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 0544-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: HB 164

Subject: Children and Minors; Courts; Juvenile; Family Law

<u>Type</u>: Original

Date: January 26, 2011

Bill Summary: This proposal lowers the age limit for juvenile court jurisdiction for state

or local traffic violations from 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 years of age.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue				
Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

[☐] Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

[□] Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume the proposal would not fiscally impact the courts.

Officials from the **Department of Social Services (DOS)** state the bill revises Section 211.031, which outlines the jurisdiction of the juvenile and family courts. Currently the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over any child 15½ years of age or older who is alleged to have violated a non-felony state or municipal traffic ordinance or regulation. This bill lowers the age from 15½ to 15 to be consistent with the age at which a driving permit can be issued by the Department of Revenue.

Based on DOS' Division of Youth Services' (DYS) response to identical legislation in 2009, there is no fiscal impact to DOS. This bill could result in fewer cases adjudicated in juvenile court; i.e., traffic violations by juveniles age 15 to 15½. However, since DYS does not take custody of youth for non-felony traffic violations, no change is expected in the number of children committed to DYS care.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** state the proposal would not have a fiscal impact on their department.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2012 (10 Mo.)	FY 2013	FY 2014
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Courts Administrator Department of Revenue Department of Social Services

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